

**NON PERM SCIENTIFIC TECHNICIAN 1
FISH SCIENCE DIVISION
ELLENSBURG, WASHINGTON**

OPENING: May 18, 2009

CLOSING: May 31, 2009

**Job Opportunities
Conducting Snorkeling surveys and collecting data on spring Chinook
Full-time Temporary Positions (2 positions total)**

Agency: Washington Department of Fish & Wildlife

Job Title: Scientific Technician 1

Pay Range: Range 30 - \$2113.00 - \$2724.00 per month *Dependent on Qualifications

Duration: Anticipated to start: July 6, 2009. Anticipated end date: October 30, 2009

Work Week: Monday – Thursday

Duty Station Location: 201 North Pearl Street, Ellensburg

Duties:

The incumbent in this position will assist in performing spring Chinook parr relative abundance estimates within differing habitat conditions in the upper Yakima River. Incumbents will also assist in the yearly monitoring of precociously mature spring Chinook on the spawning grounds during the peak of Chinook spawning activity.

Key job responsibilities:

- Working as a member of a team conducting snorkeling surveys in the main-stem of the upper Yakima River
- Identification and enumeration of spring Chinook parr within sizable survey sections.
- Observing and recording basic metrics such as species, size, and various interactions
- Measuring and recording basic habitat metrics (e.g. channel width, flow, temperature)
- Entering collected data into Microsoft Excel.
- Basic maintenance of field gear

Competencies:

- Ability to function effectively in field and team settings with minimal supervision
- Ability to work safely within a daily work environment that is potentially hazardous
- Strong swimming skills and the ability to remain in the water for extended periods
- Ability to accurately collect and record field data and notes
- Ability to use computers and Microsoft Excel
- Possession of a valid Washington driver's license

Working Conditions:

This position will require that the incumbent work with a small crew in performing snorkeling surveys within large sections of the upper Yakima River. These surveys include the identification and enumeration of all salmonids encountered, basic habitat related measurements, and some extended observations of interactions between salmonids. Although flows are relatively low during the sampling period, conditions are potentially hazardous, which makes safety a top priority. The incumbent must be able to think independently and work safely under these conditions. Due to the nature of the surveys, it is imperative that the incumbent be available for the duration of the appointment and flexible with day-to-day working hours as these are dependant upon snorkeling conditions (i.e. start and end times).

Required Qualifications:

Graduation from high school or GED, including one year of high school science

Preferred qualifications:

- Ability to identify and differentiate between salmonid species in the Yakima River
- Ability to maneuver small watercraft (e.g. two man inflatable, one man pontoon, cataraft)
- Ability to identify Chinook redds
- Some snorkeling experience

How to apply:

Send the applications to Chris Johnson, fax 509-925-4702 or chris.johnson@dfw.wa.gov no later than by May 31, 2009. Also, any specific questions can be directed to Chris phone 509-925-4467 ext.5